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PERFORMANCE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the performance and implementation of Rural Development Schemes in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rate of utilization of money allocated to these States is very low;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilization of allocated fund to these States ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has a continuing reviewing mechanism to monitor the implementation of the programmes. One such mechanism is Performance Review Committee (PRC) Meeting. The last specific PRC Meeting for the North Eastern region was held in Guwahati on 9th- 10th October, 2007 and in the PRC meeting held in Delhi for all States/ Union Territories on 17th & 18th January, 2008, the progress of North Eastern region was also discussed besides other states.

(c)& (d): During the current financial year (upto December 2007), above seventy per cent of available funds have been utilized by North Eastern states including Sikkim combindly with respect to the major programmes of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) and Integrated Wasteland Management Programme (IWDP).

(e): In order to ensure proper utilisation of allocated funds, the Ministry of Rural Development have adopted five pronged strategies of
(i) awareness generation,
(ii) people participation,
(iii) transparency,
(iv) accountability and
(v) strict vigilance and monitoring.